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SUBCOMMITTEE ON EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS FDD

PROGRAM FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA

1. Present Program in FDD on Southeast Asia

Foreign Documents Division is presently issuing the reports listed below on Southeast Asia. Except for the Bagong Buhay, all reports are in The FDD Summary series. All reports, except the Bagong Buhay are prepared as summaries, extracts, or abstracts of newspapers, periodicals, and books. A schedule of reports issued up to 20 April 1955 follows the discussion of the reports.

a. Monthly Information Report on Indochina

This is an unclassified report providing current political, economic, sociological, and biographic information on the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, Free Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos. In addition, military information is given for the Democratic Republic of Vietnam when available. Availability of photographs is indicated. The report is divided by country and the information presented under categories indicated by the following section headings:

Part 1. Political

1. National Government
2. Regional Administration
3. Political Parties and Religious Groups
4. Diplomatic Relations

Part 2. Economic

1. Agriculture and Forestry
2. Industry
3. Trade and Finance
4. Cost of Living
5. Transportation and Telecommunications

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**Part 3. Sociological**

1. Public Welfare
2. Manpower and Labor
3. Opinions and Attitudes
4. Cultural Activities

**Part 4. Biographic**

**Part 5. Military (DRV only)**

1. Defections
2. Prisoners
3. Awards
4. Orders

**b. Political, Economic, and Sociological Report on Thailand**

This is an unclassified semiquarterly publication giving current political, economic, sociological, and biographic information. Availability of photographs is indicated. The items are presented under selected categories, as follows:

**Part 1. Political**

1. National Government
2. Local Government
3. Internal Security
4. International Relations

**Part 2. Economic**

1. Transportation and Telecommunications
2. Industry
3. Trade and Finance

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Part 2. Economic (con't)

4. Agriculture
5. Cost of Living

Part 3. Sociological

1. Education
2. Religion
3. Public Welfare
4. Minority Groups

Part 4. Biographic

c. Political, Economic, and Sociological Report on Burma

This is an unclassified semiquarterly publication giving current political, economic, sociological, and biographic information. Availability of photographs is indicated. The items are presented under selected categories, as follows:

Part 1. Political

1. Parliament Proceedings
2. Parties and Groups
3. Government Operations
4. Biographic

Part 2. Internal Security

Part 3. International Relations

Part 4. Economic

1. Food and Agriculture
2. Industry
3. Transportation
4. Labor
5. Trade

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Part 5. Sociological

1. Health and Education
2. Religion
3. Culture
- d. OVERSEAS CHINESE - Semiquarterly Report

Report on Overseas Chinese Activities in Southeast Asia

This is a semiquarterly report presenting political, sociological, and economic information under selected categories and by areas. These areas are: Indonesia, Malaya, Burma, Thailand, Indochina, and the Philippines. The People's Republic of China and Taiwan are included whenever appropriate. The information is presented in the form of extracts, abstracts, and compact summaries. The selected categories of information generally cover:

Communist and anti-Communist activities; Travel between China and Southeast Asia; Overseas Chinese policies of the Chinese Communist and KMT governments; Political, organizational, educational and economic activities of the Overseas Chinese; Chinese press and publications; Manpower; Biographies and graphics; Attitudes and reactions to local governments

e. Information Report on Indonesia

This confidential "Noform" monthly report covers significant political, economic sociological, and biographic data on Indonesia. Other developments of current interest which have been reported concern the proposed general elections, dissident activity and geographic data. The report is divided into seven parts, the first of which includes information pertaining to Indonesia as a whole and other parts cover the areas of Java, Sumatra, Borneo, the Philippines, the Moluccas, and the Lesser Sundas, in that order.

f. Information from the Bagong Buhay

This bi-weekly report is classified Confidential-Noform. It mainly covers news and opinions relative to the Philippines' official and unofficial attitude in international matters and domestic news and opinions relative to Philippines-US relations. Other significant items are infrequently reported. The only source in this report is the Manila daily, Bagong Buhay. The report is an OO-W.

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2. Schedule Reports on Southeast Asia issued by FDD

a. Information Report on Indochina - Monthly

	<u>Summary No.</u>	<u>Date Published</u>
No. 1	248	26 Oct 54
No. 2	283	24 Nov 54
No. 3	335	11 Jan 55
No. 4	362	28 Jan 55
No. 5	396	2 Mar 55
No. 6	434	29 Mar 55

b. Information Report on Thailand - Semi-quarterly

	<u>Summary No.</u>	<u>Date Published</u>
No. 1	288	1 Feb 55
No. 2	343	17 Jan 55
No. 3	398	2 Mar 55

c. Information Report on Burma - Semi-quarterly

	<u>Summary No.</u>	<u>Date Published</u>
No. 1	258	2 Nov 54
No. 2	304	14 Dec 54
No. 3	366	1 Feb 55
No. 4	409	11 Mar 55

d. Information Report on Overseas Chinese - Semi-quarterly

	<u>Summary No.</u>	<u>Date Published</u>
No. 1	272	19 Nov 54
No. 2	341	13 Jan 55
No. 3	377	10 Feb 55
No. 4	431	28 Mar 55

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**e. Information Report on Indonesia - Monthly**

	<u>Summary No.</u>	<u>Date Published</u>
No. 1	330	24 Jan 55
No. 2	394	28 Feb 55
No. 3	425	25 Mar 55

**f. Bi-weekly Survey of the Bagong Buhay - Information from Manila  
Tagalog Daily**

	<u>OOW No.</u>	<u>Date Published</u>
No. 1	31004	29 Sep 54
No. 2	31064	20 Oct 54
No. 3	31081	10 Nov 54
No. 4	31092	18 Nov 54
No. 5	31100	2 Dec 54
No. 6	31112	15 Dec 54
No. 7	31125	5 Jan 55
No. 8	31141	19 Jan 55
No. 9	31150	3 Feb 55
No. 10	31174	17 Feb 55
No. 11	31181	4 Mar 55
No. 12	31209	18 Mar 55
No. 13	31223	30 Mar 55

**3. Proposed Changes in FDD Program on Southeast Asia**

**a. Changes required by Operational Considerations:**

1. FDD will lose all of its capability in the Burmese language on 2 July 1955. The regular report on Burma (1c) will be discontinued.

2. In order to maintain the lowest possible classification of reports, The Monthly Indonesian report (1e) will be put out in two separate reports: 1) Monthly Information Report on Indonesia, For Official Use Only and 2) Background Report on Indonesia, Confidential, NOFORN.

**b. Proposed Changes**

1. That the semi-quarterly report on Thailand (1b) and the Monthly report on Indochina (1a) be combined into a single Monthly Information Report on Continental Southeast Asia. A Burma section will be added to this report when it becomes operationally feasible.

c. No other changes in the program are proposed at this time.

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